

Family, friends and colleagues throughout the world responded with shock and deep sadness for the loss of this true humanitarian and hero. In his gentle but powerful way, Ed touched the world one person at a time, and I consider myself very fortunate to have been one of them.

Ed was born in Brooklyn, NY, and was buried there with his parents and Irish ancestors dating from 1860. He grew up in Manhasset, NY and throughout his free-spirited life, had homes in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Augsburg, Germany, Kinsale, Ireland, Greenwich Village, Sag Harbor, Southampton and Stamford, New York, Wyoming, Colorado, and Wilton, Connecticut. He is survived by sons Ed, of Boulder, Colorado, and Daniel of Southampton, New York; a daughter, Sarah of New York City; sisters Mary Teresa Jackson of Raleigh, North Carolina, Michele Dunn of Wilton, Connecticut, and Christine Kuhl of Southampton, New York.

The world is a better place because of Ed Miles, and his generous heart and many contributions will always be remembered.●

#### IN MEMORIAM OF MARY MIYASHITA

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I share with my colleagues, the memory of a remarkable woman, Mary Miyashita of Whittier, CA, who died on Sunday, April 25, 2004. Mary was 83 years old.

Mary Miyashita was born in Los Angeles. She grew up in a traditional Japanese household until she was sent as a young woman to internment camps in Santa Anita, CA and Gila, AZ during World War II. While in camp, Mary met Eleanor Roosevelt and was introduced to the work of the Quaker organization: The American Friends Service Committee. This organization helped obtain early release of college-aged persons from camp. These life-changing events later gave Mary the drive and persistence to become involved in social causes and politics.

Mary was an extraordinary woman, with great devotion to her family, her community and our Nation. Mary was a beloved wife and mother. She was admired by many for her strength and conviction. Mary was dedicated to making a difference in the world, and she did. Mary had great passion and believed in basic kindness to all humans.

Mary's work in politics helped shape our Nation. Throughout the years, she was involved in many important history changing causes, such as civil rights movements, peace demonstrations, education and literacy drives. She was a founding member of the first Asian Pacific Caucus, and a founding member of the Women and Children's Crisis Shelter in Whittier. Mary was also a member of the executive boards of the League of Women Voters, Meals on Wheels, Women for Peace, Whittier Area Fair Housing Committee and the Whittier Area Education Study Council.

Mary Miyashita is survived by her husband, Kazuo and her three children, son, David Miyashita, and daughters, Jean and Carole Miyashita, and son-in-law, John Martinez. She was an exceptional individual.

I am proud to recognize the legacy of Mary Miyashita. We can take comfort in knowing that future generations will benefit from her courage, her vision and her leadership.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:56 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4766. An act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to a request of the Senate, the bill (H.R. 1303) to amend the E-Government Act of 2002 with respect to rulemaking authority of the Judicial Conference, together with all accompanying papers is hereby returned to the Senate.

At 5:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4759. An act to implement the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4755. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

H.R. 4766. An act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 4759. An act to implement the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2652. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to deliver a meaningful benefit and lower prescription drug prices under the medicare program.

#### ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, July 14, 2004, she had

presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 103. An act for the relief of Lindita Idrizi Heath.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-8508. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Land Withdrawal Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8509. A communication from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress: New Approaches in Medicare"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8510. A communication from the Acting Chief, Regulations and Publications Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Excise Tax Relating to Structured Settlement Factoring Transactions" (RIN 1545-BB14) received on July 8, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8511. A communication from the Acting Chief, Regulations and Publications Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rents and Royalties" (RIN 1545-BB44) received on July 8, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8512. A communication from the Acting Chief, Regulations and Publications Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Health Care Provider Incentive Payments" (Rev. Proc. 2004-41) received on July 8, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8513. A communication from the Acting Chief, Regulations and Publications Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Republication of Rev. Proc. 79-61" (Rev. Proc. 2004-44) received on July 8, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8514. A communication from the Acting Chief, Regulations and Publications Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update Notice—Pension Funding Equity Act of 2004" (Notice 2004-51) received on July 8, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8515. A communication from the Acting Chief, Regulations and Publications Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Debit Cards Used To Provide Qualified Transportation Fringes Described Under Section 132(f) of the Internal Revenue Code" (Notice 2004-46) received on July 8, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8516. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Branch, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Port Limits of Memphis, Tennessee" (CBP Dec. 04-22) received on July 7, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8517. A communication from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, documents related to the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8518. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to